

WEST COAST TRAINING CONFERENCE
"Trends in Forensics"
JUNE 3-5, 2015



Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Mark A. Fajardo
Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, County of Los Angeles

Keynote Address

Jim McDonnell
Sheriff, County of Los Angeles

Special Guest Speaker

David Sommers
Director, Countywide Communications, County of Los Angeles

Forensic Implications of Tattoos

Dr. Marie Russell, Associate Medical Director, LAC+USC Medical Center, Medical Director, Jail Services

L.A. County Sheriff's Oldest Cold Hits

Susannah Knetchel and Amber Sage, Senior Criminalists, L.A. County Sheriff's Department, Scientific Services Bureau

L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner Veterans Burial Program

John Kades, Captain, L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

Furensics: Animal DNA in Criminal Investigations

Christina Lindquist, MSFS, Director/Forensic Analyst/Quality Manager, U.C. Davis, Veterinary Genetics Laboratory - Forensic Unit

Clandestine Laboratory Overview

Detective Frank Lyga (ret), Drug Recognition Expert

Bath Salts

Dr. Odey Ukpo, Deputy Medical Examiner, L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

Therapeutic Misadventures

Dr. Christopher Rogers, Chief, Forensic Medicine, L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

Bath Salts and Other Emerging Drugs

Officer Peter Tulagan, Narcotics Expert Police Officer

Synthetic Cannabinoids and Cathinones: A Case Study from Seizure to Trial

Brittany C. Huntington, Forensic Chemist, Western Laboratory, Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Forensic Sciences

Injury Biomechanics: How much force was it?

Cynthia A. Bir, PhD, University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine

Posterior Neck Dissection

Dr. Odey Ukpo, Deputy Medical Examiner, LA County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner



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Death of a Jockey: Accident vs. Homicide, a Challenge for the Medical Examiner

Dr. Louis Peña, Deputy Medical Examiner, L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

Just When You Think You've Seen It All: Oddball Toxicology Cases in L.A. County

Caitlin Miller, Senior Criminalist, L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

Hydrogen Sulfide Suicides—A Modern Trend

Lt. Elissa Fleak, Special Operations Lieutenant, L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

Laws Protecting Native American Remains

Dr. Deborah W. Gray, Coroner Sergeant, Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner

Child Abuse

Dr. Mark A. Fajardo, Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

Toxic Gases

Dr. Michael Levine, Assistant Professor, USC Department of Emergency Medicine, Medical Toxicology Section

Touch DNA: A Touchy Subject

Sean Yoshii, Supervising Criminalist, L.A. County Sheriff Department Crime Laboratory

Vascularized Composite Allograft

Sarah M. Schedewitz, RN, BSN, CCRN, CPTC, One Legacy, Procurement Transplant Coordinator

Outpatient Surgery

Dr. Denis Astarita, FACS

Final Exit—Trends and Practices in the Right to Die Movement

Brian Elias, Captain, L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

Infective Cardiac Emergencies

Dr. Julia T. Chu, Forensic Pathology Fellow, L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

Military and Civilian Autopsies: How Similar and How Different

Dr. AbuBakr A. Marzouk, Deputy Medical Examiner, Office of the San Diego County Medical Examiner

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